
What is CM/ECF?

CM/ECF, Case Management/Electronic Case Filing is the new automated docketing system, which will be available at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in early Fall 2002. CM/ECF provides an easy-to-use electronic case filing feature that makes life easier for you by allowing you to file and view court documents over the Internet. YES! You can file from anywhere you have Internet access.

What Does it Cost?

There are no added fees for filing documents over the Internet using CM/ECF; existing document filing fees still apply. Electronic access to court data is available through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) program. You receive one free copy of documents filed electronically in your cases, via electronic notice. Additional copies are available for viewing or downloading at seven cents per page.

What are the Benefits?

CM/ECF allows you to file and view documents from the office, home or anywhere you have access to the Internet, 24 hours a day. Documents are automatically docketed as part of the filing process and are immediately available electronically. CM/ECF also provides the following benefits:

- 24-hour access to filed documents over the Internet - no more standing in line
- Automatic email notice of case activity
- The ability to download and print documents directly from the court system
- Concurrent access to case files by multiple parties
- Secure storage of files/pleadings (so files are not misplaced)
- Potential reduction in copy costs and courier fees

Sound good so far?

What Hardware and Software Are Needed?

- T A personal computer running a standard platform such as Windows or Macintosh
- T Word processing software that is PDF compatible, like Macintosh or Windows based versions of Word and Word Perfect
- T Internet access and a browser. The system has been certified with Netscape 4.6 and 4.7 and is being tested with Internet Explorer
- T Adobe Acrobat PDF Writer software to convert documents into PDF
- T Scanning equipment may be useful

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